

## Message Text

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ACTION SY-05

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 701  
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DEPARTMENT FOR SY/T/OPS; NARIOBI FOR RSS; FROM RSO

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ASEC  
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

1. RSO SPALDING APPRECIATES THE OBVIOUS AND OUTSTANDING SUPPORT SY/T HAS GIVEN KINSHASA OVER THE PAST YEAR. THERE ARE THREE ITEMS WE DO NEED TO IMPROVE OUR CONTRIBUTIONS.

A. COLOR FILM FOR SX-70 POLAROID CAMERA. WE HAVE JUST INITIATED AN ID SYSTEM WITH THE IDENTIA KIT. WE ARE HAVING ID CARDS MADE FOR LOCAL EMPLOYEES (OVER 500). SOON WE WILL HAVE USED THE FILM ON HAND. WE THEREFORE REQUEST ONE HUNDRED PACKAGES OF SX-70 POLAROID FILM TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT. WE ALSO NEED FLASH BULBS, SX-70.

B. SURVEYS. WE HAVE NO SLR CAMERA AVAILABLE TO US. EVEN ICA IS CURRENTLY WITHOUT THE SERVICES OF A PHOTOGRAPHER. IN ORDER TO TAKE MEANINGFUL PHOTOGRAPHS AND EXHIBITS FOR SURVEYS, A CAMERA SIMILAR TO THOSE ISSUED TO TSOS WOULD BE HELPFUL. ALSO, BLACK-AN-WHITE 35 MM. FILM IS NOT NORMALLY AVAILABLE LOCALLY AND IF IT WERE IT WOULD BE EXHORBITANTLY EXPENSIVE. IF YOU CAN SEE FIT TO SUPPLY A CAMERA, PLEASE INCLUDE 35 MM. 400 ASA FILM.

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C. PROTECTIVE FUNCTION: KINSHASA IS UNIQUE IN THAT THE RSOS ARE CALLED UPON TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN FUNCTIONS NORMALLY RESERVED TO THE HOST GOVERNMENT POLICE FORCES. IN THE NOT UNCOMMON EVENT OF ROBBERY ATTACKS ON RESIDENCES, THE RSOS RESPOND ARMED. IT IS OUR INTENTION TO SCARE AWAY THE ATTACKING GANG RATHER THAN ENGAGE IN A CONFRONTATION. TWO ITEMS WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US IN CARRYING OUT THIS FUNCTION:

(1) A FEDERAL ALARM PACKAGE FOR THE SY VEHICLE.  
THIS SYSTEM HAS A PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM AND VARIOUS SIRENS.  
IT WOULD SERVE US WELL IN RESPONDING TO ROBBERY ATTACKS ON  
RESIDENCES.

(2) A HIGH INTENSITY SPOTLIGHT WHICH PLUGS INTO  
A CIGARETTE LIGHTER OF THE CAR. THIS ITEM IS KNOWN TO HUNTERS  
AS A "JACK LIGHT".

2. RSO APPRECIATES ANY HELP SY/T CAN FURNISH.  
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